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SUBJECT: SECURITY SITUATION EMBASSY NICOSIA, JAN 20 AS OF
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1. WE HAVE RECD UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT INITIAL TARGET

OF DEMONSTRATORS TODAY WILL BE USIS LIBRARY, HOMER AVENUE, WHICH STUDENTS INTEND TO TAKE OVER AND RENAME FOR CYPRIOT VICTOM AKROTIRI RIOT.

2. LIKEWISE UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT LYSSARIDES GROUP ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN BULLDOZER FOR USE AGAINST EMBASSY.

3. TOTAL OF 280 POLICE AND NG ARE IN PLACE AROUND EMBASSY PROPER AND HAVE BARRICADES SEVERAL BLOCKS OUT FROM BUILDING. SECURITY FORCES ARE MUCH BETTER ORGANIZED THAN JAN 18 AND APPEAR TO HAVE FIRM INSTRUCTIONS TO MAINTAIN ORDER.

4. EMBASSY SPECIAL POLICE DETAIL REPORT POLICE ARE BREAKING UP DEMONSTRATIONS AS THEY FORM IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS NICOSIA.

5. CONVERSATIONS THIS MORNING WITH MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DIR GEN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR CONTAINED REPEATED ASSURANCE OF GOC ACCEPTANCE OF FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR EMBASSY PROTECTION.

6. MISSION ESSENTIAL STAFF OF 18, INCLUDING 8 MSG, NOW IN EMBASSY.

7. AS OF 1020 HOURS POLICE HAVE INFORMED GROUP OF 200 DEMONSTRATORS AT USIS LIBRARY THAT TEAR GAS WILL BE USED IF ATTEMPT MADE TO ENTER.

8. BRITISH HAVE REMOVED ALL THEIR PERSONNEL FROM THEIR THREE OFFICIAL BUILDINGS DOWNTOWN NICOSIA, WITH SMALL STAFF IN HIGH COMMISSION ITSELF. BROWN UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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